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MEETING, LOME, FEB 22-26; TANZANIAN DELEGATION

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1. TANZANIAN DELEGATION TO OAU COUNCIL OF MINISTERS MEETING
IN LOME SCHEDULED LEAVE DAR ES SALAAM FEB 17. DELEGATION
COMPOSED AS FOLLOWS:

BENJAMIN MKAPA, MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS
PAUL RUPIA, TANZANIAN AMBASSADOR TO ETHIOPIA
B.M. KIBASA, PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT SECRETARY IN PRIME MINISTER'S
OFFICE
D.J.M. KAPYA, HEAD OF OAU AFFAIRS SECTION, FOREIGN MINISTRY

2. BENJAMIN MKAPA WAS NAMED FOREIGN MINISTER FEB 13. HE
HAD SERVED AS TANZANIAN AMBASSADOR TO NIGERIA (AND GHANA)
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SINCE OCTOBER 1976, AND WAS IN FOREIGN MINISTRY IN 1963-65,
BUT HIS CAREER HAS BEEN PRIMARILY IN JOURNALISM, AS EDITOR OF
TANZANIA'S GOVERNMENT-OWNED DAILY PAPER FROM 1966-74, AS
PRESIDENT NYERERE'S PRESS SECRETARY FROM 1974-76, AND AS
HEAD OF TANZANIAN OFFICIAL NEWS AGENCY (SHIHATA) IN JULY-
OCTOBER 1976. HE WAS EDUCATED IN TANZANIA AND UGANDA, AND
WAS A CARNEGIE FELLOW AT COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF INTER-

NATIONAL AFFAIRS (1962-63). MKAPA IS ARTICULATE AND INTELLIGENT, AND A FIRM BELIEVER IN TANZANIA'S DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL POLICIES. HE HAS BEEN PERSONALLY CORDIAL, IF SOMETIMES ARGUMENTATIVE, WITH AMERICANS, AND MORE ACCESSIBLE TO THEM THAN MOST TANZANIAN OFFICIALS. FURTHER BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION WAS SUBMITTED TO DEPT IN REF B.

3. PAUL RUPA IS ONE OF TANZANIA'S ABLEST CAREER DIPLOMATS, WHO HAS SPECIALIZED IN AFRICAN AND OAU MATTERS. HE WAS MATURE, QUICK AND FORTHCOMING WITH EMBASSY OFFICERS HERE DURING HIS TOURS AT THE FOREIGN MINISTRY. HE HAS MASTERS DEGREE FROM A US UNIVERSITY. HE HAS ATTENDED MANY UNGA SESSIONS AND FROM 1975-76 WAS ALTERNATE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE TO UN. FURTHER BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION WAS SUBMITTED TO DEPT IN REF C.

4. D.J.M. KAPYA IS A YOUNG CAREER FOREIGN SERVICE OFFICER, CURRENTLY HEAD OF OAU SECTION AT FOREIGN MINISTRY. HE STUDIED IN PARIS AND PRESUMABLY SPEAKS FRENCH.

5. B.M. KIBASA IS IN CHARGE OF TANZANIAN ASSISTANCE TO FREEDOM FIGHTERS INSIDE TANZANIA. WE DO NOT KNOW HIM PERSONALLY. (CF. REF D).
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